to $500; (6) your Committee beg to report progress on the petitions of Ellen Fletcher, Ellen Finnigan, Mrs. Nichol and Mrs. Brown; (7) your Committee also beg to report progress on the petition of E. T. Essery and others, and of John Peters, acting Police Magistrate.

Report adopted.

MUNICIPAL OFFICES.

Ald. Birrell moved, seconded by Ald. Hunt, that a Special Committee be appointed for the purpose of revising the by-law governing the municipal officers and offices; also to report on the advisability of any changes being made in the mode of the collection of taxes or any of the other city officers; and that this committee shall have power to examine any of the employes of this city in regard to matters relating to their duties, and that the following comprise the committee:—Ald. Becher, Hyman, Birrell and Skinner. Carried.

WEIGH SCALES.

Ald. Hyman moved, seconded by Ald. O'Meara, that the weigh scales be put up for public tender on the 27th, that the highest or any tender be not necessarily accepted, and that No. 3 Committee prepare details.

Ald. Hunt withdrew his name as seconder of the motion, and Ald. O'Meara assumed the place instead.

Ald. Boyd moved in amendment, seconded by Ald. Hunt, that the scales be sold at public auction.

The amendment was lost and the motion was carried.

SIGNING CHEQUES.

On motion of Ald Birrell, seconded by Ald. Becher, the Chairman of No. 1 Committee was authorized to sign cheques in the absence of His Worship the Mayor.

FISH STALLS.

It was decided to sell the fish stalls on the 27th inst. Carried.

THE BALLOT.

Ald. Hunt moved, seconded by Ald. Birrell, that the by-law regarding appointment of officers by ballot be repealed. Carried.

Yeas — Birrell, Labatt, Hunt, Hyman, O'Meara, Moore, Becher.

Nays—Ald. Cowan, Stringer, Skinner, Browne and Boyd.

RELIEF.

Ald. Stringer moved, seconded by Ald. Skinner, that, in view of the fact that a large amount of money is expended annually for the relief of the city poor, and that the object for which the grant is given has not been attained, owing to a defective system. it being a well-known fact that those most deserving assistance in many instances have never been reached, and many, who are unworthy, succeed in deceiving those whose duty it is to give relief, and this Council being desirous to carry out municipal reform in every department where it is possible, request No. 3 Committee to take up the matter, and that the following members be added to it to form a Special Committee:—Ald. Skinner, Becher, Hyman and Birrell.

Referred to No 3 Committee.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

Ald Hunt—That tenders be advertised for the building and completion of a wing to the city hospital at a cost not exceeding $3,000; also that tenders be called for the erection of an addition to the present hospital—the same to be used as lecture and consultation room—at a cost of $1,000. also for tenders for putting in boilers, piping, etc., necessary for heating the Hospital with steam.

Ald. Cowan—That this Council petition the Local Legislature at its present session to amend the Municipal Institutions Act regarding the appointment and functions of Police Commissioners; (2) we recommend that the Board of Police Commissioners consist of the Mayor of the corporation, the Police Magistrate and a member of the Board of Aldermen, to be elected from amongst themselves at the first meeting of the Council in January, after the municipal elections of each year; (3) that the power of the Police Commissioners be restricted so far as the expenditure of money is concerned, inasmuch that the Commissioners are only to have the right to recommend the expenditure, leaving the confirmation thereof to be dealt with by the Council.

Ald. Skinner—That a by-law be submitted to the ratepayers on the 25th of February to ratify the issuing of debentures to the amount of $175,000 for city purposes.

Adjourned.

Council Proceedings.

Council Chamber, January 30th, 1883.

The City Council met last night in the Council Chamber. In the absence of Mayor Meredith Ald. Birrell was elected chairman, Ald. Labatt, Hunt, Hyman, O'Meara, Cowan, Skinner, Browne, Stringer, Moore, Boyd and Beecher being in their places.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

COMMUNICATIONS.

From Lieut.-Col. W. D. Otter, asking for a grant toward the Ontario Rifle Association. No 1.

From W. H. Moorhead, asking to be appointed chimney sweep. No. 3.

From Mesdames Kent and Hyttenrauch, asking for a grant in aid of the Women's Refuge. No. 3, with power.

From I. Danks, Secretary of the Water Commissioners, asking the opinion of the Council in reference to the laying of free water service. No. 1.

From Rev. A. J. A. Gollmer, claiming exemption from taxation. No. 1.

From Mrs. Maria Hillier, asking a reduction of taxes. No. 1.

From W. R. Meredith, City Solicitor, enclosing the Gas Bill now before the Local Legislature. Filed.

From the call men of the Fire Brigade, asking for an increase of salary. No. 3.

The petition of Mrs Stansfield in reference to having her taxes charged against the property was referred to No. 1 Committee.

ACCOUNTS.

Plummer Manufacturing Co., for repairing hose reel, $56 80. No. 3.

Wm. Anthistle, balance on gravel contract, $20. No 2.

NUMBER THREE.

Ald. Hunt reported from No. 3 Committee as follows:—

(1). That the following accounts be paid: James Cowan & Co., $3.10; H. C. Smith, $43.99, B. Cottam, $9.90; Women's Christian Association, $24.50; Maurice Baldwin, $17.50; total, $98.99. (2). That the petition of Robert Smith and others be granted on the City Engineer estimating amount of rebate. (3). That James Marshall be appointed chimney sweep for the south part of the city. (4). That the petition of H. W. Blinn be granted. (5). That J. Doty, Mrs. Hyam and J. E. Belcher be granted licenses for balance of license year in proportion to the annual rate. (6). That Henry Mercer be granted a reduction of fifty cents per month on rent of stall in the basement of Covent Garden Market. (7). That Wm. Baxter receive $1 per week in addition to the present grant until 1st of May next. (8). Your Committee beg to report three of the stalls in the fish market being leased by auction for one year, from Feb. 1st, at $5 per month; stall No. 4 is still vacant. (9). Your Committee having called for tenders for the receipts of the weigh scales, beg to recommend the acceptance of Alex. McIntosh's tender, and further recommend that a by-law appointing him Weigh Scale Clerk be now passed. The amount Mr. McIntosh agrees to pay for above privilege is $465.

The report was taken up clause by clause.

The first four clauses adopted.

The fifth and following clauses adopted.

A by-law was then read three times and passed, appointing Mr. Alex. McIntosh Weigh Clerk for one year from the 1st of Feb., 1883.

NUMBER TWO.

Ald. Browne, (chairman), reported from this Committee as follows:—(1) That the following accounts be paid:—Commissioners' pay roll, $42.12; Thomas Summers, for stone, $6 67; total, $48.79; (2) that the account of John Bryan, amounting to $17.50, for work done in 1881, on foundation of Mr. Winder's house, Wellington street, has been referred to the Engineer and Chairmain, with power, and your Committee would recommend that in future all accounts be handed in immediately on the completion of work done or material furnished this corporation; (3) that the request of Messrs. Panton & Dayton, referred to committee, for abatement of a nuisance